Bristol, January 26th 1853

My dear Mr May.

The longer I put off writing to you, the more desirous am I of doing it, but at the same time the more formidable does the task appear from the accumulation of matter I wish to communicate. You must now accept the skeleton of a letter, — like the "Notes" or "Heads" of a Sermon, which I suppose you are not unaccustomed to.

To ensure my writing by the next post, I have taken out a draft upon London from my bankers, Messrs Stuckeys, payable to your order, & shall thank you to undertake the office of agent in distributing the amounts specified?

It has long been my intention to send a small donation to Capt. Drayton, for whom I have ~~[illegible]~~ felt much sympathy, & great respect. The sketch of an Address from England (happily never needed) ~~A~~ to the Am. Govt. for his release, now lies in my desk in an incomplete state. Be pleased to present him with £5, & with my good wishes

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admiration, & respect.

Many English friends have done more for the Liberator than I have. I must testify my sense of Mr Garrison's zeal in conducting an A.S. paper, & therefore beg of you to make the offering of £10 in behalf of the Liberator, & in such a way as may be most pleasant & useful to Mr Garrison. To you I may express my concern, that (while willing to admit my inability to understand peculiarities in the minds, requirements, & proceedings of the leaders of your Society) I should now, after 8 years of attention to the subject, — of increasing interest in it, & certainly with considerable knowledge of the cause in this country, when asked to recommend an Am. A.S. paper to friends, ~~I am~~ be obliged to avoid naming the Liberator, — the paper which of all others I prefer & which contains all that is needed here more than other paper! — It is indeed grievous to me, when anxious to lend the Liberator to some person to read a powerful article, to be continually obliged to withhold it. And why so? Simply because I cannot dare to impede the A.S. cause: for I know where the Lib.r w gain one friend, it w^d repel *five*. I am not justifying English taste & sentiment, I only deal with the fact. And is it not a serious one? Am I to be persuaded that all this is our intolerance, bigotry & narrowness & that in the U.S. the Lib^r repels no earnest, truthful, serious mind from this holy cause? I cannot believe it. That funeral discourse of H. C. Wright's in a back N^o. I look upon as a disgrace to any paper circulating among people who have the slightest respect for Christianity. It is desirable for you to know that there are other impediments to the A.S. movement in England than John Scoble & the Broad St. Com. —

But I am writing a *sermon* not the Schedule.

Please to appropriate £5 to each of the other faithful & useful A.S. papers, the A.S. Standard, the Pennsylv^a. Freeman & the Ohio Bugle — which will make up the £30 sent. Of the last paper I do not know much; so use your discretion about the donation to it. Indeed with regard to the others, pray distribute the money as you think best for the cause of A.S. journalism. ~~I have~~ If the name of the donor is *desirable*, I have no objection to mine being inserted with *others*, but pray *simply* record my small testimony in the least ostentatious way: I have no fear of not possessing already the good opinion of those in your ranks, whom I most desire to understand my sympathy with them: I have no wish that the donation should not be entered amongst

Of the state of A.S. affairs here, I hardly know where to commence a description, or how to control my exultation & happiness! Our uphill work for the last 2 years is beginning at last to *tell*; for without vanity I must say, *our* work has had a good share in the present state of things, never however forgetting the quickening & fructifying influence of "Uncle Tom." Let me only say Scoble is cleared off to Canada, leaving no favorable impressions behind him — I believe the Com: are *glad* to be released from his management of the "Reporter", & of *them*: — Mr Chamerovzow, his successor, is an honest & able man, not yet up to the intricacies & iniquities of the past history of the A.S. movement, but *learning* them all under good teaching: — it may help you to form some idea of things, when I tell you I have had two long interviews with Mr Cham at 27 N. Broad Street, when I told him *everyth*

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2/ without mincing matters, & I am furnishing
him with all descriptions of documents.
You have, no doubt, seen the Jany "Reporter",
where a change has begun! In No. 5 of the
A. S. Advocate you will see a Notice of the
"Reporter," which I only, was competent to
write. It will not surprise me if the
Feb. Reporter should speak favorably of the
Advocate! I have urged Mr. Ch. to see Mr.
Grant (Ed. of the M. Advr.) which he has
done, & I have brought that invaluable
fellow W. Brown into friendly relations &
intimate commun. with Mr. Chamerovzow.
A young man named Chesson an out & out
Abol. is a friend of Mr. Cham.s — One such
remains in Broad St. Bolton, the sub Secy,
a creature of Scoble. I have good reason for
believing that my long interview with Mr. C.
at the Broad St. Office, has occasioned a
breeze between B. & C. (this must not go
beyond the clerk.) Now how far the old Com.
will stand all this, I cannot divine.
My fears are that Mr. Cham. will be too
honest for them: and yet if they reject him,
he must become opposed to them, & there is
no doubt they have the fear of the Advocate
before their eyes: we know they appreciate

the amount of information it is giving, — is able still to give, & its determi:nation to tell the truth. The old Soc.y has never been in its present predicament; — have nothing but money to bring into the field against us, — artillery enough, certainly, but no soldiers to serve it. Mr Cham: sees his only chance is to ignore the past & do the best for the future: with this course we readily fall in. Scoble has had unlimited sway, & I think the disposition of the Com: is to make him the Scape Goat with their sins as well as his own. I am not over sanguine as to the future, & cannot predict the course of events; but good must in some way or other result.

I have been spending 9 days in London from the 7th of Jany. my daughter is with her aunts at Hampstead: she is bringing Brown, Mr Chesson & Mrs Follen together & she, with some of the ladies of the "Bristol A.S. Com:" are going to besiege Mr Grant in the office of the "M. Advertiser". Altogether ~~we~~ Mary & I are in good spirits, though having little to boast of in point of health & strength

~~Only~~ About the Advocate, I cd write a Volume -
Its working exceeds even my sanguine
expectations. Its excellent articles, are
commanding attention & are much extracted
by ~~con~~ other papers. I have ordered 400
stamped copies of No 5 to be sent to as
many London & Provincial newspapers.
The "Literary World" of N. York, & the ~~Daily~~
"Weekly Day-Book" of N.Y. have given gratuitously
an Advt. of No 3 with its "Contents" from the Times extracts
costing 16/ for the purpose of abusing us.
The last paper of Jan 1st. besides the Advt
has a leader of abuse, & a beautiful which is commended to
Review of "Uncle Tom." forced from them
~~by~~ the "Propagandists." I know nothing
of the "Weekly Day Book's" reputation -
It was sent to Tweedie our Publisher -

With the few friends I collected together
in London last spring at my lodgings, the
Advocate was proposed, as an organ of
the memorial Society into which we settled to ~~cult~~ resolve
ourselves. A paper was all I cared about,
& all we could afford - We talked of getting it
out in London, Mr Farmer to edit it, Mr

Thompson to be one of the chief writers. The impossibility of doing this was clear from the first. Farmer is unequal to it; he is an uneducated, needy, & uninfluential man tho' an honest & warm friend of the Am. A. S.

Of course nothing could be expected from G. T. at least dependence could be placed on him. My journey to Ireland, (my first to that country) was taken mainly to talk wit Mr. Webb & induce him to undertake the editing & printing of the paper. Miss Pugh's being there was very useful to us, & she, m daughter & I, at length gained Mr. W's consen I guaranteed all expenses to make the matter simple. We have had divers troubles about the Govt. Stamp &c, but all is now settled & well settled. Mr. W. has not half a dozen sympathising Abols. in Ireland, & is conseque by no means up to the number, nature & wants of English & Scotch Abols. He has too a theory that no orthodox people, can, or if honest, ought to, be Abols. of the true sort! how will he aid the movement in England if earnest, orthodox, really religious dissenters do not take it up! They are the great link between us & the Churches of America. The

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3d/ Unitarian, "Come Outer" & "Infidel" Abols will do little by putting *themselves* *forward* here, but are now doing great work by stimulating the religious bodies, & feeding them with correct information. Mr W. made a blunder in No 2 by "defining our position", which I told him really confined *our position*. He repaired it in No 3, & the alarms were quieted. We must not say anything that has the *look* of *allying* our:selves with (your Soc.) or with Mr G. – Our work is to make people thorough Garri:sonian Abols, without their being aware of it until their opinions are formed. A visit from Mr G. here now, wd do no good. An orthodox person, & (Mr W. Phillips for example) might. You have no idea of the extent of the prejudice against you the Boston Abols. A good orthodox one from Philadelphia wd be useful: the class of person likely to do most good" (caeteris paribus) wd be a Minister who had seceded with his people from a pro-slavery church such as Ed. Mathews. He is not a man of education, or polished, & has been cruelly laboured: but he is a valuable man. He has

written
all our "Religious" articles at least the Churches of America, & they are much appreciated. Some of your guesses as to these were good. In that No I wrote the "Introd: Notice," & "Sunday School Union," the "Ab: Movt" & the ~~Acct~~ notice of the Crafts. Mr Mathews the "Am. Church." Mr Webb most of the others. In No 2 Mr W. Article 1. Mr M. 2 Miss Pugh 3 (much copied into London & other papers) Revd E. Chapman "How an English man may regard these." No 3. "Explanation" R.D.W. next, Mr Chapman. "Church Question" J.B.E. – the 2 next Mr Mathews the "Madeira" &c J.B.E. most of the rest by R.D.W. In No 4, Churches. E. Mathews Mr Bishop's testimony J.B.E. (perhaps you will think too much made of it, but it was needed) – "Watch of Abolt Movt." Miss Pugh, (& continued by her in No 5) "Mr Garrison" J.B.E. quoting Mr Miller McKim: the rest by Mr Webb &c – I think you will like No 5 of which I have seen only a proof copy. The first short article on the Quakers by R.D.W. is excellent.

I believe the Advocate is doing a good work. No effort has been made to get it into circulation among the ordinary buyers of penny publication. In this movement the sympathy of the working classes need not be sought for, it is all in the right direction. To sustain an ordy. paper for them, wd. require constant "raw-head & bloody-bones" stimulus. Our aim has been to enlighten the educated class, & to get the Adv: supported by them. Mr. Webb, is I think, one, thoroughly in the spirit of it. As a man of business he is concerned about the amount of outlay, which must be large, if not always unproductive; but I have set him quite at rest on that score. I believe I have not the power of doing the cause so much good in any way as by getting such a paper of this kind thoroughly established, & am quite ready to give £100 for the purpose. About £60 has been spent with of course but slight return. Several friends have offered to assist at the end of the year, if I call upon them. Thus the paper is entirely in the hands of Mr. Webb & myself: we retain the whole power over it, & we are willing to incur all the responsibility

to our readers, being responsible to
no other parties: we therefore feel very
independent, & fear no one. –

Miss Pugh is a great help in various ways.
I know not how the Ladies could have
got afloat, & got acquainted without her. She
will return to America with a thorough
knowledge of English A.S.! still very
imperfectly comprehended by our Boston
friends. Miss P. is gradually working
her way in to acquaintance with it
by seeing people & knowing their ideas
& sentiments in a great variety of
circles. They're still at Leeds. Mrs. Ma
attack on Anna Richardson, ([illegible]
cally, & correctly attributed to Miss P.'s
statements) has produced a meeting
(not a "hostile" one in the usual accepta-
tion) between the 2 Ladies. Mrs. R. called
on Miss Pugh at Leeds a few days ago.
I was delighted to hear it. Miss P. is
exactly the person to talk to Mrs. R.
who is bigoted, & narrow minded, tho'
benevolent, & earnest in the Slave cause.
Her attack on the Abolitionists is for

No 4) their *infidelity* as she terms: she
declares she will persist in doing all
she can to prevent such "blasphemies" as
the Liberator contains from contami-
nating the English eye & mind - I wish
the Lib.r did not afford ~~its~~ enemies to the
A.S. cause such weapons for attacking
it, & did not neutralize the energies of
so many of its friends. Here lies one of the
trials of the true Abolit. of England: in time
I trust the main difficulties will be re-
In No 5 I have tried to remove
moved. -
the humbug of the "danger of im: Emancipat." Miss
Martineau's aunt, (Mrs Kentish, living here) told me
she had signed the Address for *gradual* Eman:n!
writing so seldom, I have told you much that
I could not say to any one here about Broad St. & the
Advocate. I have full reliance on your discretion.
Mr. Chamerovzow talked to me in a manner so
confidential, that I am anxious at present, what
I have even told you, to be private. And of the Advocate,
here its writers, & its pecuniary resources are en-
veloped in a most useful degree of mystery, but
I wish you & the Miss Westons, whom I *can* trust, to
know every thing. - Now I sh.d enjoy writing to Miss
Weston, & Miss A. W, & also to Mr. Quincy but I can-
not. I owe letters to Mrs Chapman & Emma, from
the last of whom I heard yesterday, with her sister's report

of the Fair on which I congratulate you. I feel with regard to my correspondents like a person longing to travel but deprived of money & time.

Thanks for the Standard of the 30th. Our earnest Ladies thought their laborious "Report" rather ignored but are now quite happy owing to your thoughtfulness & attention.

Thursday 27. Your letter of Jan.y 12 is come with 2 "Standards", & a "N.Y. Inquirer" with the account of the Baltimore Convention. Many thanks. No 5 of the Adv: is come too: Mr W. will send you a copy. I think it is as good as any. In the article "Bright's Rebuke of the Abs" are a few words of Geo. T's in a letter to me which I sent to Mr Webb; the begin.g "So spoke" to "N. Testament"; the remainder is R.D.W's. To the Adv. has G.T's hearty wishes, but not one line has he written for it. I begged him to send Mr W. an account of only where he had been lecturing, to accompany Browns, but he failed to do so. Poor T. I fear will fail in every thing requiring punctuality & even fidelity in the performance of promises: this habit in England is fatal to a man's good name, & se — & rightly so. — W. W. Brown has been an invaluable aid to me in all business matters respecting the Adv: he is worth a dozen Thompsons & Farmers.. We think we are fortunate in our publisher Tweedie: he is warm in the subject: he owns, or partly, & publishes the "Weekly News": I will tell him to send you a copy of it.

Mrs Massie is quite sound: her neighbours, Alexanders & others, whom her daughters have tea

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5/ into opsiting the box, are wives & daurs of the Broad St. Cam. Mrs M. with
us, sees the stumbling block in our way: she reads the Liberator but hides
it. Mr. Quincy's mode of joking, though genly amusing to me, is often painful &
offensive to our orthodox friends, — and, depend upon it, they are the people in this
country ~~with~~ from whom an influential move in the A.S. cause is to be looked for
& aimed at. I speak ~~of~~ as to a mass: Unitarians will do little, or even liberal poli-
ticians e.g. John Bright: individuals however in all the ranks will plough & sow:
but that alone will not bring the harvest. — I can quite understand the feelings
of the orthodox about the "infidel" controversy. Mrs Richardson is very ultra, bigoted
conceited, & overbearing, & I fear hates the "Am. A.S. Soc." tho' I trust only for its sup-
posed mischievous influence. I am quite satisfied of the impolicy of our
pushing the Libr. — I have not been without my misgivings as to the extent
in which I could innocently recommend it, & so make allowance for Orthodoxy

When oppy. offers, will you thank Mr. Forman for sending me his sermon
I had read about it previously with interest: I appreciate both his
A.S. position, & his attention to myself personally. —

And now let me, in much privacy, beg that you will do us the favour
of furnishing me, as soon as you can, with notes for an article for the A.S.A.
to be useful here & in Amca. on the Unitn. Churches of the U.S. after the fashion
of the series now in publication? the number of Churches, Ministers &c
honored A.S. names & services among them: — what our Body with you have
done, ought to have done, & could do? It must of course be an English
article, but you cd. furnish us with valuable materials — the Inquirer
will be brought out in this town, & very soon, English ones will be, if the subject be not
considered the pink of A.S.! Here, they have long been a dreadful incubus
on the movement: thanks to current events, their influence [illegible] evil
is over. Friday 20 I have forwarded your interesting letter of the 12 to my
daughter: again let me thank you for it. Any parts requiring an
answer shall be attended to hereafter. You are probably correct about

Amn. Books & our Custom H. I was charged 12/ for a copy of the first 2 Vol. edit of "Uncle Tom" published at Boston - What have you paid for the Ladies "Report"? We pay 6d on the last as it is over 2 oz & under 3 - If under 2 oz it wd be 4d only as the Advocate - The "Report" is nearly exhausted but I send you [illegible] copies - I was about to address one to Mr W. Phillips, & one to Mr. [illegible] but send them all to you as to be employed at your direction. [illegible] we were glad to hear of Adin's recovery, my love to her. Tell Mrs. May, her [illegible] my travelling-pincushion still holds out. W. Brown begged me kind regards to her - Believe me dear Mr May Yours sincere friend J. B. Estlin.

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" Mar. 12. " "

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1. H. C. Wright's "Funeral Sermon."
2. Scoble query - See chameleons.

Revd. Saml. May Jr
Leicester,
Massachusetts,
U. States.

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